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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representative Committee/Council

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation and repealing Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 17 November 2021 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 23 February 2022².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 19 April 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ Docs 14151/21 + ADD 1 to 7.

² OJ C 275, 18.7.2022, p. 88.

³ Doc. 8366/23.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 82/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland, Finland and Sweden abstaining.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
